

## 2006 Lightning Fatalities

In 2006, there were 47 lightning fatalities, 9 more than the 2005 total of 38. The 2006 number is above the 10-year average of 44 fatalities. For the 8th consecutive year, Florida was hardest hit with 5 fatalities, but this year Colorado also numbered 5. The most dangerous place yet again was in the open, with 16 (34%) deaths, down from 21 lightning victims in 2005. The next most dangerous location was under a tree with 13 (28%) deaths. In 2006, more than four times as many males, 37 (79%), as females, 9 (19%), were killed by lightning. Tragically, kids aged 10-19 accounted for the most losses with 13 (28%), followed by those in the 40-49 age range, which accounted for 10 deaths (21%).

### 2006 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
AR	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
AS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AZ	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
CO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	5
FL	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	5
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
KY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
LA	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
MS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
NE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NJ	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
NV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
SC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100</b>

### 2006 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	1	0	1	2
10 TO 19	3	10	0	13	28
20 TO 29	1	3	0	4	9
30 TO 39	0	5	0	5	11
40 TO 49	2	8	0	10	21
50 TO 59	2	3	0	5	11
60 TO 69	1	2	0	3	6
70 TO 79	0	1	0	1	2
80 TO 89	0	3	0	3	6
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	1	1	2	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>PERCENT</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	

#### LEGEND

**BF** - Ball Field  
**BO** - Boat  
**CA** - Camping  
**EQ** - Nr Hvy Equipment  
**GF** - Golf  
**IW** - In Water  
**OT** - Other/Unknown  
**OU** - Outside Open  
**TE** - At Telephone  
**UT** - Under Tree